country (this includes hospitals of Central Government, State Government, local Government Bodies and Community Health Centres).

(b) The average population served per Government hospital is approximately 1.45 lakhs. The average population served per hospital in the State of Uttarakhand is approximately 78,127.

(c) Various steps have been taken to increase the availability of medical facilities in the Tenth Five Year Plan, which, *inter alia* include evolution and implementation of different models of health care financing at the individual, family, institution and state level; and replication of various models found most suitable for providing essential health care to all levels; facilitating the appropriate interventions to ease the existing funding constraints at all levels of health system and to promote the complete and timely utilization of allocated funds. The details are given in the Tenth Five Year Plan document in Chapter 2.8 and Chapter 2.10.

Bird Flu in Manipur

*4. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are well aware about the bird flu in Manipur State recently;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard and for the prevention of similar flu in other States;

(c) the total number of poultry birds killed and expected to be killed for the protection of such and other birds in the country; and

(d) whether this flu has reached India from China, Tibet or Nepal?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has notified the outbreak of Avian Influenza (H5NI) in Manipur on 25th July 2007.

(b) Control and containment measures were initiated immediately to stamp out and prevent the spread of the disease in poultry. The details are at Annexure.

(c) Approximately 3.36 lakh birds have been killed in the control operations till now.

(d) A committee has been set up to assess the source of infection in the outbreak of Avian Influenza in Manipur.

Election to General Body/Delegates of CGECCS Ltd.

*5. SHRl MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the provisions of Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002 and bye-law No. 23 (ii) of Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Society Ltd. (Kendriya Bhandar), Board of Directors (BoD) are responsible to conduct election to the general body/delegates within the stipulated period;

(b) whether election to the general body/delegates was conducted in the year 1999 for a period of three years and if so, the reasons for not ensuring the elections when they became due; and